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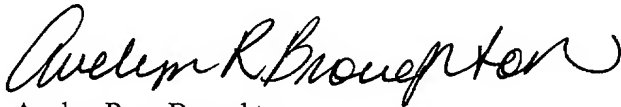
Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application that includes a 29-page patent
specification including 68 claims and an abstract, 5 figures on 5 sheets, and an Initial
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Please note that this application is filed without an inventor's Declaration and
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